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LOK SABHA

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NON-PAYMENT OF INSURANCE CLAIMS UNDER NAIS IN MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) is not being implemented properly in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government has received complaints regarding non-payment of insurance claims in the State particularly in Latur and Osmanabad districts;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)to(d): National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) is being implement properly in Maharashtra as per the provisions of the scheme. However, the State Government of Maharashtra have addressed a letter for early settlement of pending insurance claims for Kharif 2003 in respect of four districts including Latur and Osmanabad districts.
Claims amounting to Rs.11.88 crores for Kharif 2003 for Maharashtra have already been settled. The settlement of claims in respect of four districts viz. Latur, Osmanabad, Ahmednagar and Satara have been delayed because the Implementing Agency (IA) have got investigated the claims of these four districts because of some discrepancies noticed in it. Now, the claims amounting to Rs.80.94 crores pertaining to these four districts are ready for settlement. These claims will be released by the IA soon after the receipt of State Government`s share of funds.